Application Serial No. 10/736,739 Preliminary Amendment and Statement

REMARKS

Claims 1-98 are pending in the present application.

Applicants submit herewith a Sequence Listing and a corresponding computer-

readable Sequence Listing. The sequence information recorded in the corresponding

computer-readable Sequence Listing is identical to the paper copy of the Sequence Listing.

Support for all of the sequences listed in the Sequence Listing is found in the present

application. The specification has been amended to include sequence identifiers. No new

matter is believed to have been introduced by the submission of the Sequence Listing and the

corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing.

Applicants also note that a substitute specification has been submitted herewith in

accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.52, 1.121(b)(3), and 1.125. The specification has been

amended herein to address the Office's objections. Specifically, Figure 1 has been removed

from the specification, Figures 2-4 have been relabeled as Tables 29-31, and Figure 5 has

been relabeled as Figure 2 and has been removed from the specification.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for examination on the

merits. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,

MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Norman F. Oblon

Vincent K. Shier, Ph.D.

Registration No. 50,552

Customer Number 22850

Tel: (703) 413-3000 Fax: (703) 413-2220

(OSMMN 08/03)

NFO/VKS

10

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The Office Communication, dated August 10, 2004, indicated objections to the drawings filed on December 17, 2003. The specification has been amended herein to address the Office's objections. Specifically, Figure 1 has been removed from the specification, Figures 2-4 have been relabeled as Tables 29-31, and Figure 5 has been relabeled as Figure 2 and has been removed from the specification.

Attachment: Letter Submitting Drawing Sheet(s) / Two (2) Replacement Drawings

2